

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-24 and 26 were pending and were rejected. Claims 1-10, 12-24 and 26 have been canceled. New claims 27-52 are believed to be patentable over the prior art of record. No new matter has been added by the amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

New Claims 27 and 46

The system elements of independent claim 27 find support in the original application. The element "retrieving digital media content from a content provider" finds support, for instance, in the original application at page 4, third paragraph. The element "performing a digital rights management function associated with an authorized user resulting in authorized digital media content" finds support, for instance, in the original application at page 5, third paragraph. The element "storing the authorized digital media content on the computer system" finds support, for instance, in the original application at page 5, first paragraph. The element "providing the authorized digital media content as needed via a user interface to a thin media client without performing a digital rights management function on the thin media client" finds support, for instance, in the original application at page 7, first paragraph. The prior art fails to teach or suggest the combination of these elements. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 27 is allowable over the prior art of record.

The method elements of independent claim 46 correspond to the system elements of independent claim 27 and are also supported by the original application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 46 is allowable over the prior art of record.

New Claim 40

The system elements of independent claim 40 find support in the original application. The element "retrieving digital media content from a content provider" finds support, for instance, in the original application at page 4, third paragraph. The elements "selecting via a user interface organization functions to be performed on the digital media content; performing the organization functions on the digital media content resulting in organized digital media content; and providing the organized digital media content as needed via the user interface to a thin media client" find support, for instance, in the original application at page 7, first paragraph.

The prior art fails to teach or suggest the combination of these elements. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 40 is allowable over the prior art of record.

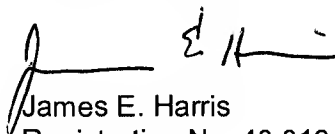
New Claims 28-39, 41-45 and 47-52

It is believed that dependent claims 28-39, 41-45 and 47-52 present additional features described in the original application that are patentable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 27-52 as presently constituted. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 512.867.8502 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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